

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A cleaning tool comprising ~~a cleaning component and a handle component~~ with at least one supporting rod; and,

~~wherein the a cleaning component is designed such that~~
including a sheet-like fiber bundle and a sheet that are joined
to produce a layered sheet laminate having a joining portion,
~~this wherein the layered sheet laminate is bent~~ folded along the
joining portion to form a bulky component ~~formation portion,~~ the
layered sheet laminate in which with said bulky component
~~formation portion has been formed is bent~~ folded so that surfaces
of said bulky component formation portions are across from face
each other, and ~~integrated such that the contact~~ wherein the
facing surfaces of the opposing sheet-like fiber bundles are
joined together, and ~~support rods of the handle component are~~
~~inserted into a handle insertion component having handle~~
insertion openings ~~made at one end~~ are made at the ends of the
bulky component ~~formation portions and formed inside the bulky~~
~~component formation portion~~ for insertion of the supporting rod.

2. (Currently amended) A cleaning tool comprising a cleaning component and a handle component,

wherein the cleaning component is designed such that a sheet-like fiber bundle and a sheet having a strip component are

partially joined to produce a layered sheet ~~laminate~~ having a joining portion, this layered sheet ~~laminate~~ is bent along the joining portion to form a bulky component ~~formation portion~~, the layered sheet ~~laminate~~ in which said bulky component ~~formation portion~~ has been formed is bent at a midpoint so that bulky component ~~formation portions are across from each other~~ is folded against itself, with the sheet-like fiber bundle side on the inside, and integrated such that the contact surfaces of the sheet-like fiber bundles are joined together, and support rods of the handle component are inserted into a handle insertion component having handle insertion openings made at one end of the bulky component ~~formation portions~~ and formed inside the bulky component ~~formation portion~~.

3. (Currently amended) The cleaning tool according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the sheet-like fiber bundle is formed by layering a plurality of sheet-like fiber bundles.

4. (Original) The cleaning tool according to Claim 3, wherein the sheet-like fiber bundle comprises a first sheet-like fiber bundle composed of numerous fibers and a second sheet-like fiber bundle composed of fibers thicker than the fibers that make up the first sheet-like fiber bundle.

5. (Currently amended) The cleaning tool according to Claim 1, wherein the sheet-like fiber bundle ~~is constituted such that~~ comprises a first sheet-like fiber bundle composed of numerous fibers and a second sheet-like fiber bundle composed of fibers

that are thicker and shorter than the fibers that make up the first sheet-like fiber bundle and said first and second sheet-like fiber bundles are partially joined.

6. (Currently amended) The cleaning tool according to Claim 1 ~~or 5~~, wherein the cleaning component is produced by interposing a fiber bundle body composed of a first sheet-like fiber bundle and ~~or~~ a second sheet-like fiber bundle between sheet-like fiber bodies that face each other when a sheet laminate is bent, and joining the fiber bundle body and the sheet-like fiber bundle where they are in contact with each other.

7. (Currently amended) The cleaning tool according to Claim 1, wherein the layered sheet ~~laminate~~ is produced by sandwiching the sheet-like fiber bundle with the sheet, and joining the sheet ~~body~~ to the sheet-like fiber bundle so as to cover the surface on the opposite side at the location of the joining portion.

8. (Currently amended) The cleaning tool according to Claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein the sheet-like fiber bundle comprises a plurality of first sheet-like fiber bundles and ~~or~~ a plurality of second sheet-like fiber bundles.

9. (Currently amended) The cleaning tool according to Claim 8, wherein the sheet-like fiber bundle is produced by alternately ~~laminating~~ layering first sheet-like fiber bundles and second sheet-like fiber bundles.

10. (Currently amended) The cleaning tool according to ~~any of Claims Claim 1 to 9~~, wherein the sheet is ~~composed~~ made of a nonwoven ~~cloth~~ fabric.

11. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a cleaning component for a cleaning tool, ~~wherein~~ comprising producing a sheet-like fiber bundle ~~produced by bundling layering~~ bundled fibers in the form of a sheet ~~is laminated~~ with a sheet having a strip component, ~~these are~~ and partially ~~joined~~ joining the bundled fibers and the sheet to form a sheet laminate, ~~and~~ bending the sheet laminate ~~is then bent~~ along its joining portion so that the sheet-like fiber bundle is bent double at the joining portion, thereby producing a bulky component ~~formation portion~~, ~~after which the sheet having~~; folding the strip component ~~is bent~~ back toward the sheet-like fiber bundle on the opposite side so as to surround the bulky component ~~formation portion~~, and ~~further~~ bending the bulky component ~~formation portion is bent~~ so that the sheet-like fiber bundle ~~side~~ is on the inside, ~~and~~; the sheet-like fiber bundle and the sheet having the strip component ~~are~~ being joined and integrated so that the contact surfaces of the sheet-like fiber bundles are joined to each other.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The method for manufacturing a cleaning component for a cleaning tool according to Claim 11 ~~or~~ ~~12~~, wherein the joining is performed by thermal fusion.

14. (New) A cleaning tool comprising:

a handle component having a grip component and support rods extending therefrom;

a cleaning component having a bulky component and a tubular handle insertion component including handle insertion openings at one end;

wherein the support rods have at least one anti-slip protrusion to prevent the cleaning component from being removed from the support rods when the rods are inserted into the handle insertion openings.

15. (New) The cleaning tool of claim 14, wherein the bulky component and the handle insertion component are formed from a sheet laminate having at least one sheet-like fiber bundle and a sheet joined at a joining portion.

16. (New) The cleaning tool of claim 15, wherein the sheet-like fiber bundle comprises a first sheet-like fiber bundle produced by collecting fibers in the form of a sheet; and a second sheet-like fiber bundle produced by collecting sheet fibers thicker than the fibers that make up the first sheet-like fiber bundle.

17. (New) The cleaning tool of claim 15, wherein the bulky component is formed by bending the sheet laminate in half.

18. (New) The cleaning tool of claim 16, wherein the fibers that make up the second sheet-like fiber have a length that is

less than a length of the fibers that make up the first sheet-like fiber bundles.

19. (New) The cleaning tool of claim 16, wherein the fibers that make up the first sheet-like fiber bundle are preferably 10 to 50 microns in diameter and wherein the fibers that make up the second sheet-like fiber bundle are preferably 60 to 300 microns in diameter.

20. (New) The cleaning tool of claim 16, wherein the fibers that make up the second sheet-like fiber bundle have a length about 1 to 10 mm shorter than the length of the fibers that make up the first sheet-like fiber bundle.

21. (New) The cleaning tool of claim 14, wherein at least two sheets are used to form the bulky component and the sheets are of different colors.

22. (New) A cleaning tool comprising:

a cleaning component including a sheet laminate formed of at least one sheet and at least one sheet-like fiber bundle;

wherein the sheet laminate is bent to form a bulky component; and

wherein the sheet laminate is then bent in the lengthwise direction and joined at a joining portion by thermal fusion.

23. (New) The cleaning tool of claim 22, wherein the sheet laminate has perforation and the bulky component forms a handle insertion component for receiving a handle.

24. (New) A cleaning tool comprising:

- a cleaning component including
- a first sheet-like fiber bundle;
- a second sheet-like fiber bundle parallel to the first sheet-like fiber bundle;
- a first non-woven sheet parallel to the first sheet-like fiber bundle;
- a second non-woven sheet parallel to the second sheet-like fiber bundle;
- a fiber bundle body produced by bending the first and second sheets and first and second sheet-like fiber bundles in half and then bending in the lengthwise direction;
- a joining portion for connecting the sheets and sheet-like fiber bundles in the fiber bundle body;
- a plurality of cuts along one edge of the fiber bundle body;

and

- a handle insertion component formed along another edge of the fiber bundle body.

25. (New) The cleaning tool of claim 24, further comprising a handle for retaining the cleaning component and wherein the cleaning component has continuous cuts formed in the nonwoven cloths at a bottom end and a tubular handle insertion component formed at a top end by heat sealing.